

Kansas News

Deadline Extended for Reinvestment Grant Apps

The deadline for the reinvestment grant applications has been extended to Friday, October 20, 2017 at 5pm. The deadline had been set at September 5th. This extension applies to both the Reinvestment Grant and the Regional Collaboration Grant. According to Megan Milner, KDOC-JS Director of Community Based Services, "With the new deadline in October, we will target December for the release of the funds. Everything else is remaining the same, as far as the grant allocations, planning period, scope, etc." If you have questions, please direct them to Ms. Milner at megan.milner@ks.gov.

Regional Training Unit Welcomes New Staff

Jennifer Maxwell will join the Juvenile Services team as a Regional Trainer on September 11, 2017. Jennifer has worked in the field of corrections since 2009 and has facilitated several curricula including; Thinking for a Change, Parenting Inside Out, Inside Out Dads, and she is certified as an Offender Workforce Development Specialist (OWDS). Jennifer's office will be located within the Salina Parole office. She will assist the current Regional Trainers; Kelly Rodriguez, Crystal Payne, Shannon Cavender, as they provide training in evidence-based programs and practices to individuals who work with juveniles who are adjudicated or are participating in immediate intervention programs. Jennifer will cover the 8th, 9th, 12th, 20th, 21st, & 28th Judicial Districts.

Single Mom and Her Adopted Children are a Family Service Success Story

Editor's Note – This story features a Juvenile Corrections Officer I from KJCC whose family was recognized by a community mental health center that provides services to children and their families.

Janet Kelley didn't know if she would be able to keep her two, adopted kids. The children were born with drug exposure, and it caused problems for them from their infancy. Now, the Topeka Family Service and Guidance Center calls them a success story. Kelley brought her children into the center when they were four and five-years-old. "They saved my family," she said. She did not know how to [Read more and watch video . . .](#)

Juvenile Justice Reform Already Starting to Fulfill its Promise for Families, Kansas

Summer is a season for families, a time to strengthen bonds and make memories. As we enjoy summer with our loved ones, we're grateful that a new law is helping Kansas families enjoy the human connections that enrich our lives. Senate Bill 367, signed into law in 2016, launched an overhaul of our state's juvenile justice system. The bill earned overwhelming support in both the House and Senate. Such bipartisan support was heralded as a noteworthy feat in a tumultuous political environment, but what's truly worth celebrating are the promise and early benefits of this landmark bill. [Read more . . .](#)

JJDPA Reauthorization Act of 2017

Update of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPa) One Step Closer

Earlier this month, the U.S. Senate approved, through unanimous consent, [S.860](#), "[The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2017](#)", which updates and improves the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (JJDPa). The JJDPa embodies a key partnership between the federal government and the U.S. states, territories and the District of Columbia to protect children and youth in the juvenile and criminal justice system, to effectively address high-risk behavior and to improve community safety.

This year marks the 43rd anniversary of the JJDPa, which is ten years overdue for reauthorization. The JJDPa is the only federal statute that sets out national standards for the custody and care of youth in the justice system and provides direction and support for state youth justice system improvements.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a similar bill, [H.R.1809](#), "[The Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2017](#)" on May 24, 2017. The House and Senate will now have to come to an agreement on the provisions found in the two bills before it can be signed into law.

S.860 strengthens the JJDPa in a number of ways - it gives clear direction to states and localities to plan and implement data-driven approaches to ensure fairness and reduce racial and ethnic disparities; allows for easier transfer and application of education credits earned for system-involved youth across school systems; and encourages states to ensure that programs and practices designed to address the needs of system-involved youth are both evidence-based and trauma-informed.

Both bills have been assigned to a House and Senate conference committee to be reconciled.

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The Juvenile Justice Corner

By Megan Milner, Director

DOC – Juvenile Community-Based Services

I was always one of those kids who really enjoyed school. Some of you will laugh as soon as you read that statement because you know that is a pretty good descriptor of me! I usually had my first outfit planned for the first day of school; had all my school supplies laid out, ready for the first day; and was up at the crack of dawn because I was too excited to sleep.

I have twin boys (8 years old): Caleb and Samuel. For weeks now, they have been saying they were absolutely not ready to go back to school. But then we took a trip to purchase school supplies, backpacks, lunch boxes, and Caleb sheepishly told me that he might be a little bit excited to start school again. That's my boy!

There is something exciting about new beginnings – the possibilities that lay ahead, the hope for challenges and successes. Education provides a world of opportunities, not just for kids and teenagers, but even for us. Learning expands our mental horizons, gives us new lenses through which to view our world, and can even develop and build character.

Just as we encourage our own children to learn and grow, I hope you also take the opportunity, when it presents, to feed and challenge yourself. Allow yourself to learn something new and different today.

Undertake something that is difficult; it will do you good. Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow. – Unknown

Doing something new and difficult is certainly not comfortable, at least not for me. But as I have gotten older I have learned that these are the experiences and events in our lives that bring us the most growth, build mature character, and produce endurance. I hope you take the chances that come your way today!

National News

Navigating the Path to a Successful Career for Youth in Foster Care & the Juvenile Justice System

As summer comes to a close, many teens around the country are wrapping up one of the first steps in their "career pathway": a summer job. These short-term positions are not just a pastime; [research](#) shows that summer employment reduces dropout rates, improves long-term employment prospects, and decreases the chance of future involvement in the criminal justice system. But early work experiences and [Read more . . .](#)

School to Prison Pipeline

Restorative Practices Partnership Succeeds in Strengthening Schools

Chris Martin is a restorative practices champion today – but his transformation from skeptic to true believer didn't come without some convincing. A sixth grade science teacher at Skinner Middle School, Martin said he wasn't raised with restorative practices in use at home or in school – and he [Read more . . .](#)

High-Poverty Jeffco School Moving to Community School Model. What does that mean?

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Social Work Professor Helps Implement Restorative Justice in Denver Public Schools

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Juvenile Justice Information Exchange

Life Sentences, Long Sentences Imposed on Youth Need 2nd Look

Decades of research from the fields of criminology and adolescent brain science find that the decisions made in youth, even very unwise decisions, do not crystallize criminality. Instead, as young people age and mature they develop the capacity to make different choices. [Read more . . .](#)

Some Secure Youth Facilities Are Not Bad and Are Still Needed, Latest Research Shows

As someone who has worked, lived and breathed our mission statement: "Treat all youths in custody as one of our own," I was ecstatic when the research on the teenage brain and adolescent development made its way into juvenile justice. The 2013 publication of the [National Academy of Science's "Reforming Juvenile Justice, A Developmental Approach"](#) in particular launched new reforms and accelerated existing ones in the facilities and community programs we work with at [Performance-based Standards Learning Institute](#) (PbS). I thank the [John D. MacArthur Foundation](#) and Laurie Garduque in particular for supporting the research over much of the last two decades that created the so-called [Fourth Wave of Reform](#). [Read more . . .](#)

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UPDATE - Skill Development Training for School Misconduct

This summer, while most teachers and students were recharging their batteries in preparation for the 17-18 school year, 533 School Resource Officers (SRO's), Law Enforcement Officers (LEO's) and School Superintendents (or their designees) attended a "skill development training for responding effectively to misconduct in school while minimizing student exposure to the juvenile justice system." The training was developed and provided by Kelly Shand-Adams, a police instructor with the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC). [See March Web-Line article](#)

According to Derrick Ploutz, law enforcement representative on the Kansas Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee and President of the Kansas Juvenile Officers Association, the training was comprehensive in covering what was required or necessary statutorily. Mr. Ploutz stated "Kelly did a tremendous job. She had a very heavy demand to put together the presentations in a short amount of time to meet the statutory requirements and then presented the trainings. She exceeded our expectations". With this initial training completed in the spring and summer of 2017, Mr. Ploutz is looking forward to building off of the first years training by developing new training modules that would be the next step in providing more on the "nuts and bolts" of how an Officer can most effectively work with and support the students and the school while creating a safe environment for everyone. Mr. Ploutz is looking at opportunities to collaborate again with KLETC, the Kansas Sheriffs Association, the Chiefs of police Association, and KDOC to partner with and develop the next level of training.

2017 DOC-Juvenile Services Training Schedule

New Employee Kansas Detention Assessment Instrument (KDAI) Training:

Topeka	Monday	September 11
Salina	Wednesday	October 11
Topeka	Friday	November 17
Salina	Tuesday	December 12
Times	9 am – 4:30 pm	

All intake workers, supervisors and anyone who approves intake placement decisions must be trained in administering the KDAI. These trainings are reserved for intake workers and supervisors.

For more information on KDAI training or to register contact Crystal Trout at crystal.trout@ks.gov.

JJDPA Reauthorization cont. from page 1

Below are some insights and overviews on current and key issues needing to be addressed in conference committee.

JUVENILE JUSTICE INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Advocates Focus on Conference Committee after JJDPA Reauthorization Passes Senate

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THE HILL

OPINION: Congress' Chance to do Right by America's Youth

[Read the article](#)

THE BARTLESVILLE EXAMINER-ENTERPRISE

Decriminalizing Status Offenses

[Read the article](#)

STATEMENT FROM SEN. GRASSLEY (IA), BILL SPONSOR

Senate Passes Bipartisan Juvenile Justice Reauthorization

[Read the statement](#)

National News

NCJFCJ Resolution: Judiciary Plays a Pivotal Role to Address Youth Homelessness

On July 15th, 2017, the National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges adopted a [Resolution Addressing the Needs of Homeless Youth and Families in Juvenile and Family Courts](#). This is a groundbreaking resolution that explicitly acknowledges the relationship between child welfare, juvenile justice system involvement and homelessness. [Read more](#)

After Juvenile Justice Reform, White Kids Getting Benefit of Doubt Most Often

Faced with one of the highest juvenile incarceration rates in the country, South Dakota in 2012 set out to change the way its juvenile justice system works. An ambitious pilot program was launched in Minnehaha and Pennington counties to reduce the number of kids sitting behind bars. Five years later, the Minnehaha County Juvenile Detention Center is locking up almost a third fewer kids than it did just half a [Read more](#)

Human Trafficking - National

Four Dangerous Assumptions about Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is subject to complicated legal definitions, but the essence of this crime is straightforward: a person who is trapped in a situation of economic exploitation from which they cannot escape is very likely a victim of trafficking. Someone involved in moving that person into exploitation, or keeping them there against their will, is very [Read more](#)

Social Workers, Teachers Learn About HT

Sara Smith Worries that Meridian Doesn't Talk about Human Trafficking Enough. "Meridian ranks nationally for human trafficking," Smith said. "We have major highways in Meridian, trucks passing through... That itself isn't a big red flag (like) prostitution and runaways but if you look underneath it's something all (problem areas) have in common." Smith works as a community coordinator for the Care Lodge, which provides services for victims of domestic violence. "I've worked with different agencies of child development where I have seen a child treated as an asset," [Read more](#)

Training Doctors, Nurses to Identify Human Trafficking Victims

The Attorney General's Office says many human trafficking victims interact with doctors and nurses while they're being trafficked, so they got Wayne State University's School of Medicine and the Wayne County Medical Society on board to create the [training video](#). It's intended to explain the crime, teach them how to approach a potential victim and get the victim help. [Read more and watch video](#)

Is your Teen at Risk for Human Trafficking?

Watch out and slow down isn't the only warning from law enforcement as kids return to classes for the start of the school year. The Modesto Police Department also advises families to be alert to human trafficking. The department joined with the Modesto-based nonprofit organization [Without Permission](#) to produce a video that notes a rise in high school-age victims and provides parents with "tools and advice" to protect their children. [Read more and watch video](#)

Labor Trafficking - National

Trust Your Instincts if Something Doesn't Seem Right with a Sales Call

There's a salesman at your door. Salespeople, by nature, are eager to sell a product, but there's a few red flags with this one. Their sales pitch is emotionally-driven, having little to do with the product they're selling. They're not in control of their own transportation, having been brought to and from your home. Look closer at the salesperson. Do you notice bruising, malnourishment or even just inappropriate clothing for the weather? Pay attention to the situation. [Read more](#)

Annie E Casey Foundation

What Is Implementation Science?

Programs and practices to improve child outcomes often start small, with an idea, some general data, a theory of change and a plan. But what are the conditions — the people, the policies, the resources — that really determine whether the program will succeed or fail? [Read more](#)

New Study: The "Adultification" of Black Girls

Why are black girls treated more harshly by schools and the juvenile justice system than white girls who behave the same way? A new study from the [Georgetown Law Center on Poverty and Inequality](#) suggests a contributing cause: the "adultification" of black girls. [Read more](#)

Empowering a Network of Communities to Help Kids Succeed

For the last 12 years, communities have called [Strive Together](#) to learn how they could [improve local partnerships to better serve kids](#). This podcast reveals efforts utilized by the [Ballmer Group](#) to deploy data-driven, innovative and scalable strategies that promote economic mobility and a brighter future for kids and their families. [Read more and listen to the podcast](#)

National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice

5 Ways Juvenile Court Judges Can Use Data

This issue brief, published by the National Center for Juvenile Justice with support from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, provides examples of how juvenile court judges can use data to improve the functioning of their courtrooms and outcomes for youth appearing before the court. This brief is one of a series that will [Read more](#)